

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHINSUKE KOBAYASHI ET AL.)
Application No.: 10/781,810)
Filed: February 20, 2004)
For: SHEET TRANSPORT APPARATUS AND)
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.